

Question on Notice
No. 662
Asked on 19 April 2007

MR FOLEY asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

- (1) Is it true that doctors within Maryborough and Hervey Bay are only allowed to perform one joint replacement operation per week, between all doctors?
- (2) If this is correct, what plans does the Health Department have to rectify this?

ANSWER:

- (1) Fraser Coast Health Service District and Australian Orthopaedic Association representatives have worked cooperatively in the planning for the re-establishment of orthopaedic services at the Fraser Coast Health Service District over the past 12 months.

Elective orthopaedic surgery recommenced in a limited capacity in February 2007 with one elective joint replacement per week being currently undertaken.

- (2) The recommencement of comprehensive elective and trauma services will progress once funding and proposed activity is confirmed and clinical governance arrangements are finalised.